

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:00PM
Morongo Basin Transit Center
62405 Verbena Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

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ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:
Merl Abel, Ellen Jackman, Mark Lundquist, Karmollette O’Gilvie, Ben Sasnett and McArthur Wright. Jeff Drozd was absent.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Employee of the Quarter

Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, presented Robert Arvizu with Employee of the Quarter for his positive attitude and managing the maintenance department well when the supervisor was out.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

NONE

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 Minutes of the September 24, 2020 Board Meeting
- 5.2 Treasurer’s Report for August 2020
- 5.3 Warrant Register through September 30, 2020
- 5.4 Ridership Reports
- 5.5 Financial Reports
- 5.6 Administration Report
- 5.7 Operations Report

5.8 Can-A-Ride Day on November 19, 2020

ACTION: Board Member Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.8); seconded by Board Member O’Gilvie: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Transportation Assistance Grant (TAG) Awards

Joe Meer, Director of Cooperative Purchasing and Grants, brought forward a recommendation of applications that deemed complimentary to MBTA’s service for a total allocation of \$45,347.50.

Becci Hewson-Hubbard with the Morongo Basin Healthcare District shared how the TAG program helped their Lift Transportation Program provide trips 3-5 times a week instead of once a month. Susanna Barnett with Morongo Basin Unity thanked MBTA saying the TAG program really helped families get to safe destinations. Mauricio Cruz with Pacific Clinics was grateful for the TAG program, especially this year. Robin Schlosser with Reach Out Morongo thanked MBTA for the support of their organization.

Board Member Jackman thanked all of the organizations that applied for all the work they did in our community.

ACTION: Board Member Sasnett moved to approve the TAG awards as presented; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Mark Goodale seeked input from the Board on the new bus presented in his admin report and informed them they were preparing it for service along with the press release.

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Wright congratulated Robert Arvizu on Employee of the Quarter.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:19pm Thursday, October 22, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary